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Re: MUR 5440—Stephen L. Bing, Respondent

Dear Ms. Devine:

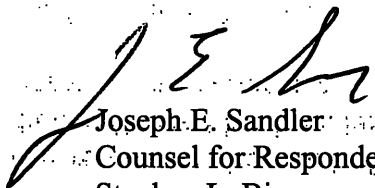
The undersigned represents respondent Stephen L. Bing in the above-referenced MUR. A Statement of Designation of Counsel has been faxed to you under separate cover; another copy is attached for your ready reference.

The Complaint filed by the Republican National Committee and Bush-Cheney '04 is 66 pages long, with hundreds of pages of exhibits. It refers to a multitude of groups and transactions. A considerable amount of time may be required to review the facts alleged in the Complaint, as they pertain to this respondent, and to determine the facts so that a meaningful substantive response can be submitted. It will not be possible to do this in the initial 15-day period.

For these reasons, we respectfully request an extension of twenty (20) days in which to file a response to the Complaint. The complaint was received by Mr. Bing on April 12. If this request is granted, Mr. Bing's response to the Complaint would be due on May 17, 2004.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph E. Sandler
Counsel for Respondent
Stephen L. Bing

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

Please use one form for each respondent.

MUR 5440

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

Stephen L. Bing

Print Name

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Date

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